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SUBJECT: COUP

1. TURKISH DCM TELLS US TMT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN FIGHTING THUS FAR. ONE STRAY MORTAR ROUND DID EXPLODE IN TURKISH AREA, WOUNDING FOUR CIVILIANS. TMT ON HIGH STATE OF ALERT, WITH ALL RESERVES CALLED UP.

2. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS REPORTS OF FIGHTING CONTINUING IN PAPHOS DISTRICT, OTHER AREAS REPORTEDLY CALM. ACCORDING TURKISH EMBASSY, GREEK CYPRIOTS IN LARNACA WELCOMED COUP.

3. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO INFO FROM ANKARA, BUT ASSUMES FACT THAT NO TAF AIRCRAFT HAVE YET OVERFLOWN CYPRUS MAY

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INDICATE THAT ANKARA HAD PRIOR WARNING ON COUP.

4. TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE ALSO MONITORED CLANDESTINE SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS IN GREEK MAINTAINING MAKARIOS STILL ALIVE.

5. CBC HAS JUST ANNOUNCED NICOS SAMPSON RPT NICOS SAMPSON NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. ACCORDING RADIO, HE WILL ANNOUNCE CABINET SOON. (COMMENT: A REMARKABLY SHORT-SIGHTED CHOICE, IF CONFIRMED, SINCE SAMPSON REGARDED AS IRRESPONSIBLE MAVERICK BY MOST GREEK CYPRIOTS AND HATED BY TURKS.)
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